

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	
<i>EX REL.</i> CYNTHIA I. FITZGERALD,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:03-CV-1589-N
v.	)	
	)	
NOVATION, LLC, <i>et al.</i> ,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

**STIPULATION OF DISMISSAL**

WHEREAS, Plaintiff/Relator Cynthia I. Fitzgerald (“Fitzgerald”) filed this action on July 15, 2003, and filed the Second Amended Complaint on December 21, 2007;

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2007, the United States of America (the “United States”) notified the Court that it was not intervening in the action at that time;

WHEREAS, by Order dated September 17, 2008, the Court dismissed certain claims made by Fitzgerald in the Second Amended Complaint under the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3733, for lack of subject matter jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2010, Fitzgerald, Defendant Novation, LLC (“Novation”), Defendant VHA Inc. (“VHA”), and Defendant Becton, Dickinson and Company (“BD”) reached a full and final agreement to settle the action (the “Settlement Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(1), the Attorney General of the United States has consented to the dismissal of this action;

WHEREFORE, pursuant to Rule 41(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(1), and in accordance with the Settlement Agreement, Fitzgerald,

Novation, VHA, and BD, through their undersigned counsel, hereby stipulate and agree to the entry of an order dismissing this action with prejudice and respectfully request that the Court enter an order of dismissal with prejudice in the form of the proposed order attached hereto. Each party shall bear its own fees and costs.

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